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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 9 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 4-8 and 16-20 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Applicant notes that the Examiner believes that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention and has required Applicant to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects with traverse Species 1 for prosecution on the merits, corresponding to claims 1-3, 9-15 and 21-24. Applicant has withdrawn claims 4-8 and 16-20 from consideration as being directed to non-elected species of the invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is ready for consideration on the merits of pending claims 1-3, 9-15 and 21-24.

If any issues remain that prohibit an Office Action on the merits of claims 1-3, 9-15 and 21-24, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at 203-575-2648 for a telephone interview prior to the issuance of a next office action.

Respectfully submitted,


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